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CLINTON BEATS DOLE in MOCK ELECTIONS

Mr. Martin and Mrs. A. Smith's classes voted for president. These were the results: 47 for Dole and 52 for Clinton.

In another poll taken across the three grades using the literature classes, the results were the same only by a much wider margin. Clinton won 69 to Dole's 48 with 6 votes going to Perot and 1 to Ralph Nader. The depressing part was that 49 of the ballots were left blank, indicating that more people needed to stand up and be counted. Every vote does count.

In the Good Times poll, some people gave their comments as well. Miranda Johnson liked "Dole's hair color with the rusty highlight." Jim Zirkle said, "In the last four years Clinton has made our country better." Will Quantz believes," most of Dole's commercials are positive about Bob Dole while Clinton's are negative to Dole rather than positive of himself."

Kathy Williams believes Dole is best because he is against abortion. Justun Munn would vote for Perot because, "If he got impeached he could fly away with those ears." Jennifer Beasley says, "Clinton just might be better at being president that Bob Dole. I don't like Dole's way of treating teens."

One of the non-voters simply said, " I wouldn't vote for either of them. I don't trust 'em at all." We can't wait til Tuesday to see whether our predictions are right...

HALLOWEEN TONIGHT! BE SAFE AND GO IN PARTNERS...

We surveyed the school again on the Halloween scares... What scares you? Amie Baugher said "Frankenstein". She says she likes to jump out in front of people and scare them herself. Chris DeRight says the "dorks I live by" are the scariest." He likes to be unexpected and hide in a corner waiting to scare people.

Jennifer Beasley said "No one" scares her but she likes to hide in a very dark place where they can't see me and then jump out at them." Phil Smith thinks what scares him is "Us" (the pollsters?) However he not only knows someone who has dressed up as Barney but he has done so. He says to tell us, "I love them, they love me..." Huh?

Elizabeth Burns finds her sister really scary. She too likes to "hide in the dark when someone walks by and jump out at them," Allie Starbuck says she was scared when her brother locked her in the basement. She personally does not like scare people. Lee Ann Stickels says, "I like to scare people by screaming out something really loud!" BOO!

FACTS ON THE NEW DRIVING LAW ..affecting you by c. marshall

1. You get your permit when you are 16 years of age starting at level 1... you must drive with an adult.
2. You get your license when 17 years of age but can not drive after dark.
3. You can only have one or two friends in the car at any time until 18.
4. This law had already been passed but will not go into effect until January 1, 1997. It will affect those born after April 1, 1982.
5. If under 18 years of age and you get into trouble with the law, you start over at level 1.
6. When 18 years of age you have no driving restrictions.

STUDENT COUNCIL OFFICERS

The students voted on Sept.17 for student council officers. The campaign was a hard one for some and an easy one for others.

Denyse Varnsdeel was elected president running against other eighth graders. Chris Veley, the only one who ran for vice president, was the only man for the job.

Eric Pasman and Lindsay Dalga are the secretary and corresponding secretary. For treasurer Matt Campbell was elected. Good job to the officers and all who ran.

n. o'keefe

STUDENT COUNCIL REPS / ALTS.

Sixth grade reps and alternates included Cara Arrans and Mandy Horrocks, Amanda Sumner and Erin Hamilton, Kelly Veley and Matt Bush, Beth Simpson and Mike Brownell, Gina Barkovich and Josh Pyard, and Nick Culp and Tim Taylor.

Seventh grade is represented by Renee Vesey and Josh Kennedy, Casey Cooper and Candice Cole, Will Quantz and David Peat, Pam Henderson and Amy Jeschke, Kelly Barkovich and Tony Gullotti and Drew Zolp and Lori Ferrari.

Representing the eighth grade are Kelly Mapes and Ben Smith, Lindsey Hauch and Jessica Ross, Katie Hughes and Kerrie Champion, Dan Anderer and Jennifer Sargent, Jason Lee and Nate McKenzie, Kasie Wilson and Mike Haught, David Cruz and Cathy Goldacker and Kari Carr.

NEW IDEAS FOR A NEW SCHOOL by k. barnes

We went to the high school on Sept. 17 to brainstorm up some ideas about our theme for the new high school. It was a lot of fun.

The first thing we did was we broke up into groups and did some brainstorming. Then we traded papers and picked the best ideas. We shared the ideas with the whole school and selected our favorites.

Then we had some high school students who did some spirit contests. The Paw Paw High School band students did a little play for us.

We ended the day with the PPHS band doing a concert for us.

SYBIL SHEPHERD by a. lee
There is a dog named Sybil
She does love Kibble
Her owner is Mrs. Schlarman
Who loves her just as she'd
Love her own son.
She loves to play with her ball
She protects it as if she were a wall
Her favorite actress is Cybil
Shephard.
She'd just love a stuffed leopard.

8TH GR. BASKETBALL TEAMS

The season is almost over but here is the 8th grade roster, coached by Erik Hindenach and managed by Bethany Howell.

Andrea Bielang, Natalie ALden, Lindsey Hauch, Deneyse Varnsdeel, Melanie LAnter, Carmen Selent, Kerri Champion, Kari Carr, Jessica McDaid, Emily Pasman, Kelly Mapes, Kelly Baskin, Katie Anderson, and Abby Tucker are the A- team.

Bethany Mayuiers, Laura Boyce, Katrina Davidson, Alicia McConnell, Jessica Ross, Heather Nugteren, Jessica Shipley, Ambra Homan, Katie Hughes, Angie Zahringer, Kristy Houghton, Kasie Wilson, Andrea Medema, Stephanie Den Hamer and Theresa Genovese make up the B team. Good season, girls.

DEAR SAM

Why do guys claim they're so smart but do dumb things?
Answer:

It's a timeless question that nobody will ever be able to figure out. Sorry.

DEAR SAM,

My boyfriend just dumped me and I can't get over him. What to do?
Answer:

Go home, peel a banana backward . It always makes me feel better.

DEAR SAM:

My girlfriend broke up with me and then called me constantly saying I love you every time we got off the phone and always crying because I won't take her back. What should I do?
Answer:

Tell her it was her idea and to get over you, she should stand on her head for at least an hour. Keep us posted how it works.

DEAR SAM,

Why do girls always whine so they get their way?
Answer:

It works, doesn't it? If it didn't , they'd do something else... like peel a banana backward while standing on their head.

MRS. BEYER... 7/ 8 TEACHER

Mrs. Beyer was interviewed by Charlene Beardslee.

Mrs. B says her favorite subjects are reading and English. Her favorite sports are downhill skiing, waterskiing, tennis, basketball, and golf. Her favorite color is navy blue.

She went to Central Michigan University and later to Western. She used to live in Cadillac near Caberfae Ski Resort when she was young.

Mrs. Beyer's favorite book is Harris and Me.

She has two children, Chris and Kelly. Chris is in 8th grade and Kelly is in 6th here at PPMS.

She has four pets.. one dog Katiebear and three cats. One is Rambo, one is Ice Cream because it looks like turtle ice cream and Kirbo, is the dumb ditzy one.

She enjoys doing student council and wishes she had more time for it.

SPORTS SECTION- G. TIMES
by Dave Peat

October 2 , 1996 at Paw PAw- It was a cold day at Falan Field and was thought to be a colder game for the Middle School football team. The first Eagle run got them a 50 yard touchdown, but failed the 2 point conversion. Paw Paw bounced back with a touchdown by Number 18, Chris Veley. The 2 point conversion was completed by Jim Barnhouse.

Another Redskin touchdown by Jim Barnhouse followed by a 2 point conversion by number 12 Barnhouse. Howe Bates of Hillside returned a 60 yard punt to add another touchdown but again failed the 2 point conversion.

Jim Barnhouse ran a 50 yard touchdown and got his own 2 point conversion. The score was 24-12 at the half in favor of Paw Paw. The Eagles scored 35 yard touchdown and completed a 2 point conversion making the score 24-20 with 7:11 left in the 4th quarter.

Paw Paw continued to squeeze Hillside with their unstoppable blitz. With 2 minutes to go, Hillside was at 4th down. A quick reverse wasn't enough to break the Redskin defense. Paw Paw with 1:36 on the clock at 50 yard line was able to walk away with the victory. The final score was 24-20.

Editor choice defensive play of the game goes to Paul Tessar with his touchdown saver at the end of the first half. The player of the game goes to Jim Barnhouse.

AUTUMN by Katie Anderson

A swirl of colors in the air
Through my fingers, through my hair,
All the colors of a tree
They're so beautiful, can't you see?
Rake them up in a pile.
Jump in- it'll make you smile.
I love autumn, yes I do,
I love autumn. So should you.

COMPUTERS: HELPFUL HAND? OR ANOTHER MISTAKE? t.gullotti

If you ask most people if they have a computer they will say, "Yes" and those who don't have one have used one before. Most people who are asked about computers say that they solve many problems.

'Computers can solve math problems, correct spelling and grammar and do many other things, but they also have a bad side. They can get viruses, people can break in to them if they aren't guarded and sometimes they just mess up.

Yes, computers have bad sides and many things can go wrong. I personally have a computer and I think it is a helpful hand . What do you think?

MEET MISS GRANT... NEW TEACHER IN PPMS

by m. zerbi and c. goodman

We asked Miss Grant, the new math teacher, some questions and this is what we found out.

She was born in Saginaw, Michigan in the 70's. She grew up in Caro. (It's in the thumb of Michigan.)

Her favorite hobbies are ceramics and spending time with her dog named Mickey. She likes the movie "Say Anything."

Some of her past jobs have been being a waitress , a library assistant, and a substitute teacher.

The most embarrassing thing that happened to her was one day at her grandpa's, a weird-looking hat was on the table. She put it on and started dancing around in it. Later she found out it belonged to a very important businessman who was visiting her grandpa.

Wanting to help people was her number one reason for becoming a teacher.

GOLF TEAM - BRIEF ENCOUNTER

by h. streich

The middle school golf team members this fall were Jason Motter, Ben Smith, Steve Wolownik, Mike Haught, Rob Suski, Juan Seidel, Andrew Dahms, Ryan Tapper, Dan Shreve, Craig Tapper, and Jon Ayres.

What they were doing with golf is they wer having tournaments .Mike Haught won and had his name placed on a plaque.

Mr .Zolp has been coaching the boys in preparation for high school golf.

GOOD TIMES STAFF meets

Wednesdays 1st and 5th hours in room 203 three times for each issue. The next meeting is Nov. 20.

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JUNIOR HIGH FOOTBALL..

Football was a first this year at PPMS. The coaches were Mr. Bass and Mr. Barnhouse.

Team members included Zach Albertson, Dan Anderer, Reyes Arellano, Ben Ball, Jim Barnhouse, Matt Bass, Melissa Bingham, Ryan Boulter, Justin Buck, Matt Campbell, Chris Cannon, Kasey Cooper, William Doorlag, Randy Duncan, Phil Fredericks, Chaun Guernsey, Aaron Homan, DAmar Huff, Jordan Kalisiak, Robert Long, Nate McKenzie, R.J. Manning, Nick Miller, Andrew Mitchell, Kirt Moon, Nate Offord, Drew Olman, Jim Osbon, Nick Keenan, Eric Pasman, Hector PAstrana, Joel Pyard, Rich Rennhack, Ryan Shannon, Dustin Sill, Nick Sinnett, David Sparks, Nathan Stoughton, Clay Stull, Dirk Terpstra, Paul Tessar, Nathan Verville, Chris Veley, John Whipple, Corey Worden, and Joel Yonkman.

Why Things Happen

by k. baskin

Things happen for a purpose
But are they really worth it?
When things are down
Friends come around.
Shouldn't she be there
To feel the care?
I can't imagine why
Holly had to die.

ARE GUYS OR GIRLS MORE MATURE? You Decide.

Send us your opinions along with your reasons... to Good Times care of Mrs. Swanson's mail box and we'll print your responses next time. Be sure to put your name on the paper and tell your lit. class teacher's name. Thanks.

Below is Alicia McConnell's comments to get you going...

Girls are more mature. Guys do disgusting things and try to show off. It really shows how immature they are. Girls are definitely more mature than boys.

TEN HALLOWEEN COSTUMES

by D. Anderer

10. Ross Perot
9. A Moon Dog
8. Trent Reznor from Nine Inch Nails
7. the principal
6. Chia Pet.. any one of them
5. a fish stick
4. a roll of Charmin
3. a rock
2. Bob Dole
1. Gene Simmons

Happy Halloween!

DID YOU KNOW? by j. smith

Out of the five main lakes around Paw Paw, (Lake Cora, Maple Lake, Lake Brownwood, Eagle Lake and Three Mile Lake), what is the cleanest?

The answer is Lake Cora. If you were to put a white object at 45 feet in Lake Cora, you would still be able to see it.

(Comments are always welcome to this writer... send to room 203,)

NEW and IN DEMAND by j. smith

If you have anything you think is new and in demand, and you like it, send it in and we'll try to print it.

A NEW INDUSTRIAL ARTS LOOK

by j. smith

This year in Industrial arts a new look has been acquired. Computers!

Windows '95. "It took me twenty years to get these computers," says Mr. Cassell. IT was well worth it too. IF you know a lot about computers, they are easy to use. Another good part about it is that Mr. Cassell will let you do reports after school on the computers.

Computers and Windows 95 make a really good pair!

SCHOOL LUNCHES: FRIEND OR FOE?

You're sitting at the table eating your lunch. Suddenly it starts up and grows to enormous proportions. You scream as it east you in one gulp. This is what it may seem like to you. How about to other people? "It's a very special activity "says Fred Siegl (talking about the menu and not the possibility of it being carnivorous.)

Ryan Vyverman says, "It stinks!" What do you think? Write and tell us.

THE WINNING HALLOWEEN ESSAY WAS LINDSAY DALGA'S.

See Mrs. Swanson for your prize.

The HOLE by l. dalga

I hate the basement. I always have because we have a HOLE. It's so scary that last year my dad built a wooden shutter to seal it off. The HOLE is downstairs under the kitchen. Its floor is so slimy and watery. Every time I go past it I walk very fast.

My mind has played tricks on me over the past few years. One time when I went down to the cellar to get some potatoes or flour or some kind of food, I 'd hear some voice beckoning me to come into the HOLE.

Sometimes when my friends are over they swear they hear something calling them to come into the HOLE.

Every time my dad asks me to go downstairs I say ,"No, get Ryan (my brother) to do it." He always asks, "Are you scared, Lindsey? "

I have terrible dreams about a voice saying to go downstairs to the HOLE. In the dream I get there and the HOLE is wide open. I look in and I wake up.

One night I got tired of these dreams. I knew I had to face my fear and prove to myself that the HOLE wasn't open.

I started to make my way downstairs. When I got there, I looked. It was OPEN! I am just going to turn around, I said to myself....but before I could, I heard that voice again. I had to look. I've never actually seen what was in it... I saw my name... and myself... R.I.P.

I tried to scream but nothing came out. I tried to run but a hand reached out and grabbed me,,, I hit my head, The next thing I knew... I was in my own bed.

I ran downstairs to see if it was real. When I looked down there, it was still open."Not again," I thought. Then my mom said, "I'm cleaning .. Want to help me?"

WHY ARE YOU GLAD WE'LL BE MOVING OUT NEXT YEAR?

Here is Andrew Dahms' list.

I think we should be glad to move because every time the wind blows it feels like the school could fall down.

Half of the lockers don't work and the other half are too small.

When you are in a downstairs classroom, and someone upstairs moves, white stuff can fall from the ceiling.

When a school is twenty years older than my grandma, it's time to move.

The walls are so thin that you can be in Mrs. Dobbs' room and hear the kids in the gym.

When the heater comes on, it shakes the whole school and it feels like it's going to fall down.

When you're in Mr. Lutz' room by the went and the heater comes on, all the dust shoots out and if you have allergies like me that's not good for them.

When I hear of the stuff in the basement, I know it's good we're getting a new school

The chair I am sitting in right now feels like it's going to fall through the floor.

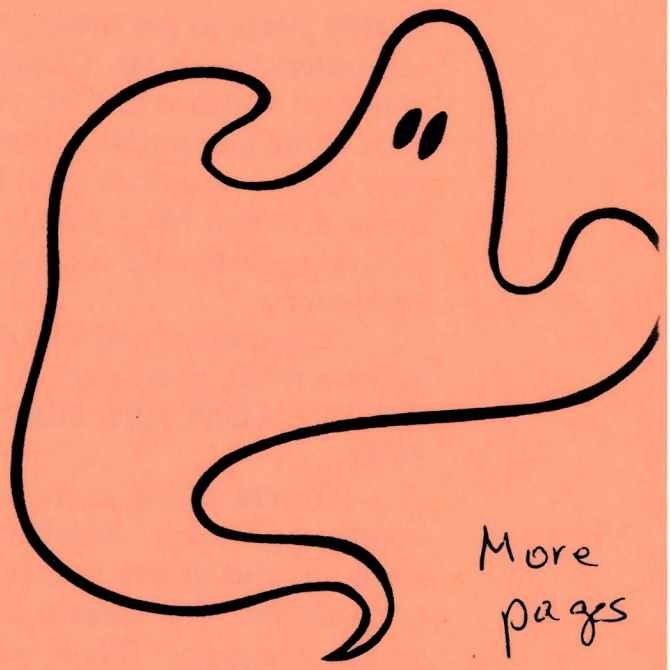
Our playground is paved so when you fall you are gonna get hurt.

The pencil sharpeners are older than I am.

You almost need plastic explosives to get your locker to open.

When I'm nearly falling through the floor like I am right now... it's time to go.

Boo! A Power Outage shortened our News!



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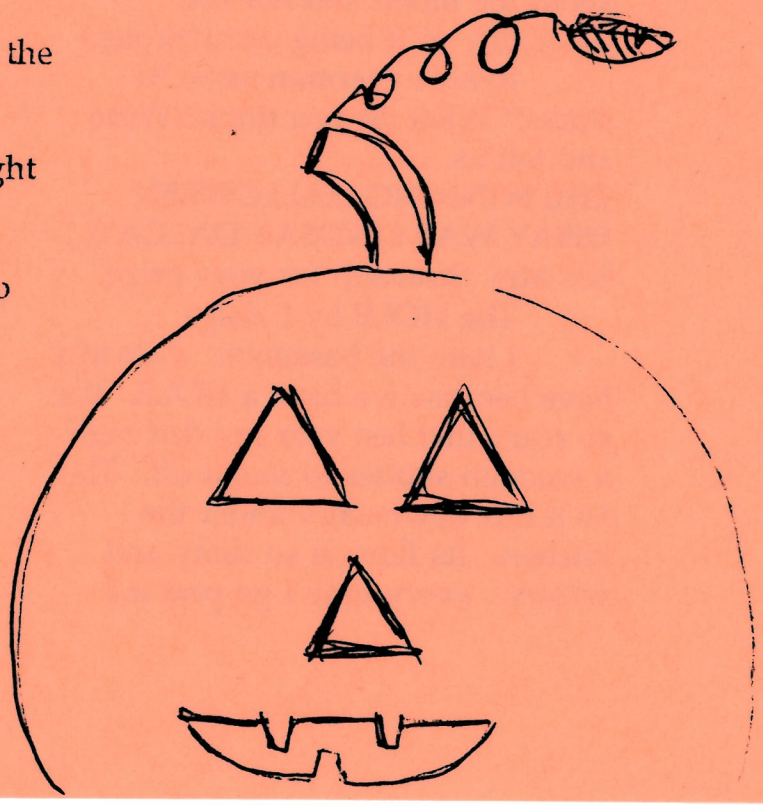

THE HAUNTED SCHOOL

by Ashley Kirvan

It was October 1st, the Haunted Hallway Committee was starting to get ready for the big event, the **GREATEST HAUNT ON EARTH !** But first let me tell you what happened at the Black River School 10 years ago. There was a janitor named Bob. Bob did not like the Greatest Haunt on Earth because he thought it made a big mess in his school.

That year strange things started to happen during construction of the hallway. Construction materials disappeared and something was scaring the volunteers away. But still the Hallway Committee was able to open on time and everyone had fun. Shortly after Halloween that year Bob disappeared!

The children were getting out their masks and costumes in anticipation of the big scare. It was finally Friday the 24th of October and the Haunted Hallway was under construction. Things were going along smoothly until the Committee Chairperson heard an eerie voice say "You better be neat, you better be clean or your Halloween will be a bloody scene." But she thought it was one of the other committee members having fun. They all like to joke around and scare each other, especially since there was a rumor that Bob the janitor died and was haunting the school.

Construction was well under way when one of the builders disappeared. Everyone was so busy they thought he got tired and went home. But as materials were being unloaded they found his body wrapped in black spandex with a note attached that read " You better be neat, you better be clean or your Halloween will be a bloody scene." After the police left everyone went home for a well deserved rest.

Saturday morning came very fast and it was back to work. When they entered the school all the work from the night before had been destroyed. The same message had been left every where. The women went to work washing down the walls, trying to get rid of the writing and the men went to work building. Suddenly there was a scream and another person was gone. Everyone thought they were going insane! This could not be happening again. They searched the school but found nothing. They decided it was a joke and went back to work.

The doors opened on time and everyone was having a great fun. After the first break the Ghouls were getting into position when they noticed that the grave yard had real bodies in it. This time it was no joke. The school doors were shut and the police were called. As everyone was being questioned and searched something grotesques appeared. It was janitor Bob. He was a zombie. He said "I warned you all those years to keep my school clean, now you will all pay for the extra work you caused me."

Panic broke out and people were running every where, but they could not escape Bob. He captured several of the Committee members and killed them. Then in a puff of green smoke he disappeared saying if another Hallway was built we could expect the same thing to happen. No more Haunted Hallways were ever built again. Several Committee members were put in an insane asylum never to be heard from again. Bob was never heard from again.